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Specification

Please amend the Specification as shown below. Applicant submits that no new matter is being added to the Specification. The paragraph numbering reflects the numbering of paragraphs in the originally filed application.

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following amended paragraph:

[0039] Figure 3 is an illustration of objects used in connecting a repository to a VCR in one embodiment of the invention. In one embodiment, objects implementing API interface RepositoryManager 302 can serve as an representation of a VCR from an application program's 300 standpoint. A Repository Manager connect() method attempts to connect all available repositories with a current user's credentials to the VCR. By way of a non-limiting example, credentials in one embodiment can be based on Java™ Authentication and Authorization Service (available from Sun Microsystems, Inc.), Those of skill in the art will recognize that many authorization schemes are possible without departing from the scope and spirit of the present embodiment. Each available content repository 312-316 is represented by an SPI Repository object 306-310. The RepositoryManager object invokes a connect() method on a set of Repository objects. In one embodiment, a RepositorySession object (not shown) can be instantiated for each content repository to which a connection is attempted. In one embodiment, the RepositoryManager connect() method can return an array of the RepositorySessions to the application program, one for each repository for which a connection was attempted. Any error in the connection procedure can be described by the RepositorySession object's state. In another embodiment, the RepositoryManager connect() method can connect to a specific repository using a current user's credentials and a given repository name. In one embodiment, the name of a repository can be a URI (uniform resource identifier).

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] Figure 4 is an exemplary content model in one embodiment of the invention. The content model is shared between the API and the SPI.

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Each box in Figure [[2]] 4 represents a class or an inheritance. Hollow tipped arrows connecting boxes indicate inheritance relationships wherein the class/interface from which the arrows emanate inherit from the class/interface to which the arrows point. Solid tipped arrows indicate that the objects of the class/interface from which the arrows emanate can contain or have references (e.g., pointers or addresses) to objects of the class/interface to which the arrows point. In one embodiment, each object in a VCR has an identifier that uniquely identifies it. An identifier can be represented by an ID 400 (or id). An id can contain the name of a content repository and a unique id provided to it by the repository. In one embodiment, the id class/interface can be made available through a common super class/interface 414 that can provide services such as serialization, etc.

Please replace paragraph [0051] with the following amended paragraph:

[0051] Figure 8 is an illustration of a content editor in one embodiment of the invention. Content editor window 800 includes a navigation pane 802 and a context-sensitive editor window 804. Navigation pane 802 is in "content" mode 812 such that it selectively filters out nodes that define only schemas. Content node 806 ("Laptop") has been selected. Node 806 is a child of hierarchy node "Products", which itself is a child of repository "BEA Repository". Selection of node 806 causes a corresponding content node editor to be rendered in editor window 804. The editor displays the current values for the selected node. The content type 814 indicates that the schema for this node is named "product". In this example, the node has five properties: "Style", "Description", "Color", "SKU", and "Image". A user is allowed to change the value associated with these properties and update the VCR (via the update button 808), or remove the node from the VCR (via the remove button 810).

Please replace paragraph [0052] with the following amended paragraph:

[0052] Figure 9 is an illustration of a schema editor in one embodiment of the invention. Schema editor window 900 includes a navigation pane

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902 and a context-sensitive editor window 904. Navigation pane 902 is in "type" mode 910 such that it only displays nodes that have schemas but no content. Schema node 906 ("product") has been selected. Node 906 is a child of repository "BEA Repository". Selection of node 906 causes a corresponding schema editor to be rendered in editor window 904. The editor displays the current schema for the selected node (e.g., derived from ObjectClass, PropertyDefinition, PropertyChoice objects). In this example, the node has five property definitions: "Style", "Description", "Color", "SKU" and "Image". For each property, the editor displays an indication of whether it is the primary property, its data type, its default value, and whether it is required. A property can be removed from a schema by selecting the property's delete button 912. A property can be added by selecting the "add property" button 908. A property's attributes can be changed by selecting its name 914 in the editor window or the navigation pane 906 (see Figure 10).

Please replace paragraph [0053] with the following amended paragraph:

[0053] Figure 10 is an illustration of a property editor in one embodiment of the invention. Property editor window 1000 includes a navigation pane 1002 and a context-sensitive editor window 1004. The schema named "product" is being edited. Schema properties definitions are listed beneath their schema name in the navigation pane 1002. Schema property 1008 ("color") has been selected. The editor window 1004 displays the property's current attributes. The name of the attribute (e.g., "color"), whether the attribute is required or not, whether it is read-only, whether it is the primary property, its data type, default value(s), and whether the property is single/multiple restricted/unrestricted can be modified. Changes to the [[a]] property's attributes can be saved by selecting the update button 1006.

Please replace paragraph [0055] with the following amended paragraph:

[0055] Referring to Figs. 1 and 11, content mining system (CMS) 1100 can extract content from file systems and/or websites and transfer this

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content (or a reference/link to the content) to one or more repositories 108 via VCR 100. In one embodiment, the CMS can traverse a file system and/or website and identify content therein in the form of files, HTML or XML documents, images, sounds, and/or any other kind of suitable content. This content can then be provided along with the appropriate schema information to the VCR via the API 104 for inclusion in one or more repositories 108 via the SPI 102. In one embodiment, content can be mapped to content nodes and directories can be mapped to hierarchy nodes. This can preserve the hierarchical relationship of content that arises from the organization of a file system or a website.

Please replace paragraph [0064] with the following amended paragraph:

[0064] In one embodiment, filter process can interact with the CMS via an API 1104 or some other suitable mechanism. The API 1104 can include services for allowing the CMS to direct a filter process to extract properties from the content (or provides references/links to the content properties). In one embodiment, a filter process can be an object accessible by the CMS. In another embodiment, a default filter process can be provided for content types that the CMS does not recognize.